

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 2 is cancelled, without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein, claim 11 is amended and claims 13-17 are added. No new matter added.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Randi B. Isaacs
Registration No. 56,046

JAO:RBI/rdb

Date: December 19, 2006

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461
--